

SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Weimar

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 4 April to 10 May 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 22 May 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains leaving the Weimar railroad station toward Erfurt between 16 and 22 April 1953 included:
a train of 9 boxcars occupied by about 180 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and about 20 flatcars carrying 18 T-34 tanks, 1 T-34 tank without turret, 2 armored personnel carriers, 6 trucks, 3 tank trucks, 3 radio trucks, and 1 jeep, at about 11 a.m. on 16 April;
a train of 20 flatcars carrying 12 T-43 tanks, 9 armored personnel carriers, 7 light armored scout cars, 2 trucks, and about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at about 2:15 p.m. on 16 April;
a train of 5 boxcars and about 10 flatcars occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 6 trucks, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 6 trucks loaded with two pontoons each; and 1 trailer loaded with potatoes, at about 3 p.m. on 22 April.
Between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 16 April, an undetermined number of trucks,

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[REDACTED] and loaded with furniture and boxes, left the Luetzendorf Kaserne, the Tannenberg Kaserne and, source believed, also the Flak Kaserne toward west. ¹ Between 27 April and 3 May, about 50 boxcars were assembled at the east section of the Weimar railroad station. ²

2. On 27 April, the Luetzendorf Kaserne in Weimar was occupied by about 200 to 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia; and black-bordered crimson epaulets; in addition to about 150 to 200 sick, who were also quartered there. Beginning 24 April, about 15 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried baggage daily arrived at the Tannenberg Kaserne, coming from the railroad station. Some of them marched to the Luetzendorf Kaserne. ²
3. On 27 April, the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by about 250 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. ²
4. On 27 April, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 150 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 40 percent with motor transport insignia. ³

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5. On 2 May, the concentration camp in Weimar-Buchenwald was occupied only by a rear detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the installation [redacted]

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On 10 May, the central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets; and by a few women who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route from and to the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the Nachrichten Kaserne [redacted]

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On 10 May, motor vehicles [redacted]

were seen en route from and to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne at Nohra. The roads to the airfield were blocked. A radio mast, about 10 meters high, was seen in the billeting area, and an AAA emplacement with 6 AA guns and 2 watchtowers, as well as soldiers employed in leveling work were seen north of the airfield.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The entrainings for Ohrdruf of the units of the 20th Gds Macz Div stationed in Weimar were repeatedly confirmed. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. During previous personnel exchange programs, the transient quarters of the Eighth Gds Army had always been located in the Tannenberg Kaserne. The arrival of troops, in connection with the information of the 50 boxcars assembled at the railroad station, tends to indicate that a shipment of personnel, presumably to the USSR, was in preparation.

3. [redacted] Comment. Elements of the 13th AAA Div stationed in the Flak Kaserne are believed to be at Ohrdruf and Wustrow. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. The army engineer battalion of the Eighth Gds Army, since late April, has been in the Dessau-Aken training area. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. The motor vehicle [redacted] Sig Regt (US).

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6. [redacted] Comment. The Hq Eighth Gds Army is carried in the Fliegerhorst installation at Nohra as previously.

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